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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to papers filed on 4/14/08.

Response to Amendment

2. In response to applicant's amendment received on 4/14/08, all requested changes to the claims have been entered.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 4/14/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's argue that the term "high speed image" would be readily understood by one of ordinary skill in the art as a type of imaging, not as a term of degree and that the specification provides sufficient detail to ascertain the metes and bounds of the claims.

The Examiner disagrees and the rejection made in the BPAI Decision mailed on 10/31/07 is maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As stated by the Board:

“ In claim 1, the language "using high speed imaging" in lines 3 and 4, "high speed image" in line 6, and "the acquired high speed image" in line 7 do not particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention because it is unclear what the metes and bounds of a "high speed image" is from Appellant' s Specification. *SeattleBox Co. v. Industrial Crating & Packing, Inc.*, 731 F.2d 818, 826, 221 USPQ 568, 574 (Fed. Cir. 1984) ("When a word of degree is used the district court must determine whether the patent's specification provides some standard for measuring said degree. The trial court must decide, that is, whether one of ordinary skill in the art would understand what is claimed when the claim is read in light of the specification."). Here, we find no express definitions of "high speed imaging" or of an "acquired high speed image" to differentiate those claim limitations from the prior art. Therefore, we are unable to determine the metes and bounds of each of independent claims 1, 9, 15, and 23 and their respective dependent claims. As a result, we cannot effectively apply prior art thereto.”

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON W. CARTER whose telephone number is (571)272-7445. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 4:30 am (Mon. - Fri.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Werner can be reached on (571) 272-7401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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